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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EG, SA  
SUBJECT: SAUDI-EGYPTIAN CONNECTION

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1. WE THINK REFTEL GIVES A FAIR AND BALANCED ANALYSIS  
OF MAJOR POINTS OF SAUDI RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. THERE  
FOLLOWS SOME COMMENTS PASSED ON TO US CONCERNING  
PERCEPTIONS OF SUBMINISTERIAL-LEVEL SAUDI OFFICIALS WHO  
DEAL EXTENSIVELY WITH EGYPT. SAUDIS ON THIS LEVEL  
ADMINISTERING MODA AND MINFIN FUNDS DEALING WITH EGYPT  
SEEK BROADER CONSTRAINTS AND RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON  
GOE ECONOMIC POLICIES WHICH THEY REGARD AS SUFFOCATED  
BY CLOGGED BUREAUCRACY AND SPECIAL INTERESTS, RECENT  
GOE IMPATIENCE WITH SAUDI PAYMENTS ON GULF FUND  
RECIPORCATED BY SAG ADMINISTRATORS SEEKING HANDHOLD  
ON SLIPPERY EGYPTIAN FINANCES. HEMORRHAGING OF SAUDI  
AID THROUGH CORRUPTION STRONGLY RESENTED BY SAUDI  
TECHNOCRATS WHO SEE MARWAN/ADHAM CONNECTION IN SAME LIGHT

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AS PARA 2 REFTEL. SAG OFFICIALS' OBSERVATIONS ON  
GOE FINANCIAL MORASS ARE NOT MADE WITH SENSE OF OBLIGATION  
TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER OVERBLOWN GOE CLAIMS TO SACRIFICES  
IN ARAB CAUSE, BUT ARE TART AND UNFORGIVING ON GOE  
INEFFICIENCY AND CORRUPTION. THOUGH NO MEAN COMPETITORS  
THEMSELVES IN THESE SWEEPSTAKES, SAG OFFICIALS VIEW  
GOE IN HANDLING OF ECONOMY AS WORLD CHAMPION IN GENERAL

PECULATION, OBFUSCATION AND DEGENERACY. THEY OFTEN CITE  
HEJAZI PROVERB (QUOTE) AFTER SHAKING HANDS WITH AN  
EGYPTIAN, BE SURE TO COUNT YOUR FIGNERS. (UNQUOTE).

2 AS FOR EGYPTIAN PERCEPTION OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN  
STATE AS BLOCK TO SYRIAN AMBITIONS FOR GREATER SYRIA,  
IT IS TURE THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE  
UNIFIED BAATHIST FERTILE CRESCENT STATE. HOWEVER, WE DO  
NOT BELIEVE THAT SAUDIS VIEW INDDEPENDENT PALESTINE AS  
MAJOR CHECK ON SYRIAN AMBITIONS. SAUDIS BELIEVE THAT  
IN ANY EVENT THEY WOULD BE ABLE THROUGH FINANCIAL  
MEANS TO ASSURE FRIENDLY REGIME IN PALESTIN.  
OVER LONG TERM, WE THINK SAUDIS ASPIRE  
TO BE NEW FULCRUM OF POWER IN POST SETTLEMENT PERIOD, BIWTH  
INFLUENCE RADIATING NOT ONLY THROUGH THE RIM OF  
THE PENINSULA, JORDAN AND PALESTINE, BUT ALSO TO BOTH  
SYRIA AND EGYPT AS WELL.  
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